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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUJUMBURA 0408

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: POSSIBLE CONTACT/PROVOCATION RE  
HOSTAGES

1. DCM WAS CALLED 0915Z BY LOCAL WHO RUNS CULTURAL CENTER;  
LATTER STATED THAT ZAIRIAN WAS AT CENTER AND WISHED TO MEET WITH  
PROFESSOR STEINER. STEINER AND MACFARLANE PROCEEDED TO CENTER  
AND MET WITH INDIVIDUAL.

2. PERSON WHO LATER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS JOSEPH SIMBA (A  
NAME HE APPEARED TO HAVE IMPROVISED ON THE SPOT WHEN ASKED)  
STATED THAT HE HAD HEARD ON VOA NEWS OF KIDNAPPING AND BELIEVED  
THAT, THROUGH HIS CONTACTS WITH OTHER ZAIRIANS IT WOULD BE  
POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE A GUIDE TO TAKE STEINER TO OTHER SIDE AND  
MEET WITH CAPTORS. HIS OWN INTEREST IN CASE, HE STATED, WAS  
STRICTLY HUMANITARIAN AND HE AVERRED THAT HE WAS REPRESENTING  
NO OTHER PARTY IN CONTACTING STEINER.

3. WE INDICATED IN A MOST GENERAL WAY THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE  
TAKING PLACE AMONG VARIOUS OF CONCERNED PARTIES WHICH WE HOPED  
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WOULD LEAD TO SAFE RELEASE OF STUDENTS, AND THANKED HIM FOR HIS

INTEREST IN MATTER. IT WAS ARRANGED THAT IF HE WISHED FOR ANY REASON TO CONTACT STEINER AGAIN HE COULD LEAVE A NOTE AT CULTURAL CENTER.

4. COMMENT: QTE SIMBA UNQTE COULD BE A YOUNG ZAIRIAN ANXIOUS TO HELP, AN OPPORTUNIST, OR A FRONT MAN FOR ANY ONE OF A NUMBER OF PARTIES. HE STRUCK US AS NAIVE AND DIFFIDENT AND IN ANY EVENT WAS UNABLE PRODUCE BONA FIDES OR OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH WOULD STIMULATE OUR INTEREST IN HIS DEMARCHE. WE DO NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT HIS USE OF NAME SIMBA MAY BE NOT-TOO-SUBTLE MEANS OF INDICATING THAT HE HAS TIES WITH REBELS, BUT EVEN THIS POSSIBILITY, SHOULD HE LATER REVEAL A CONNECTION WITH PRP, DOES NOT STRIKE US AS PARTICULARLY PROMISING COMPARED TO OTHER EFFORTS NOW UNDERWAY.  
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